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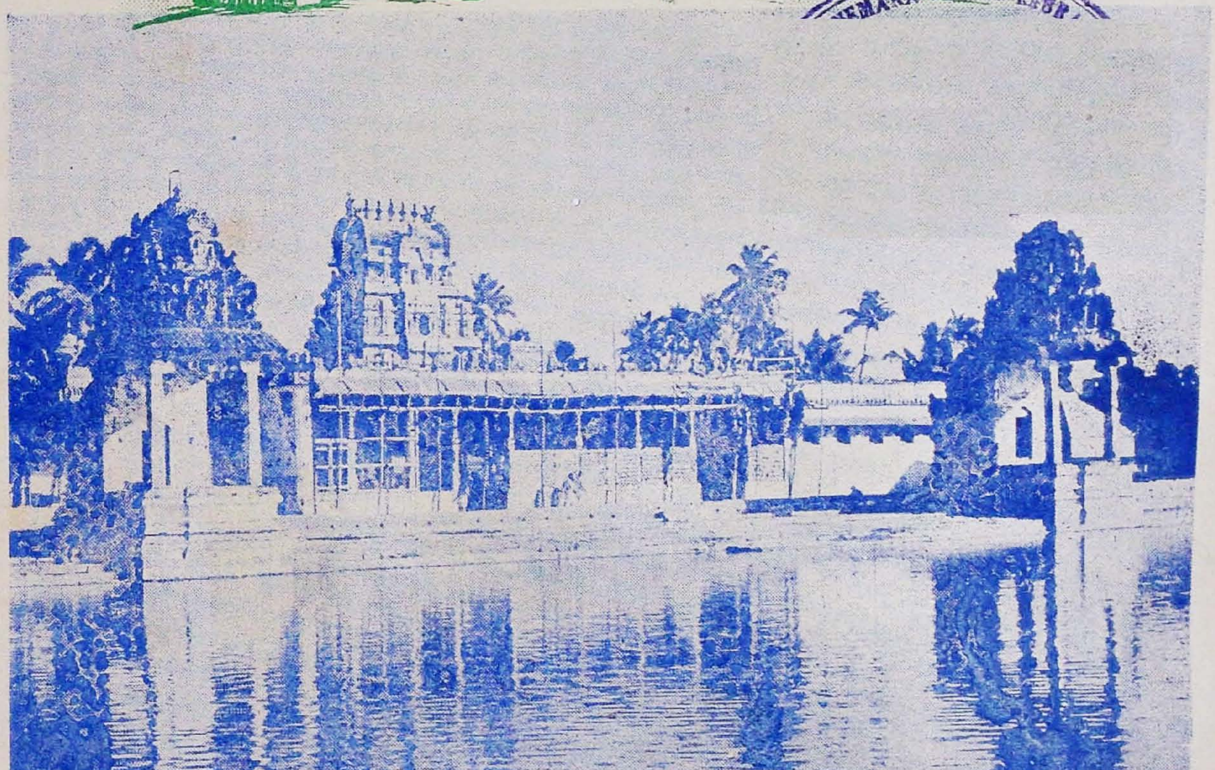

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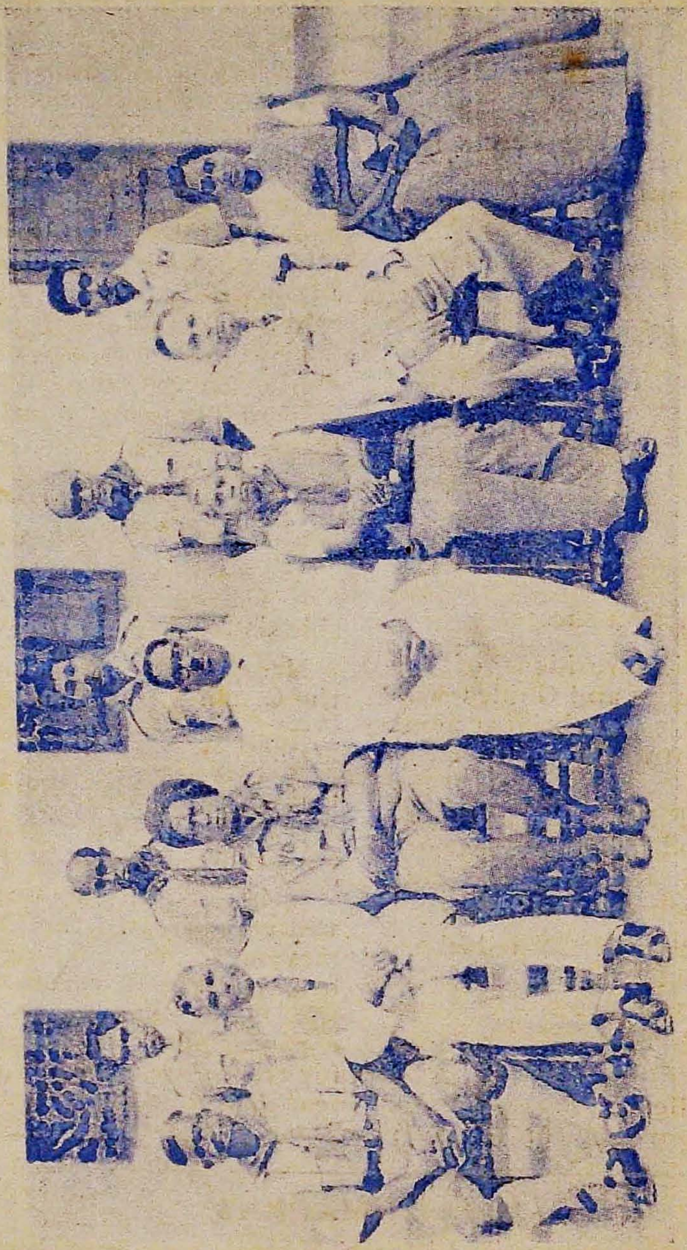

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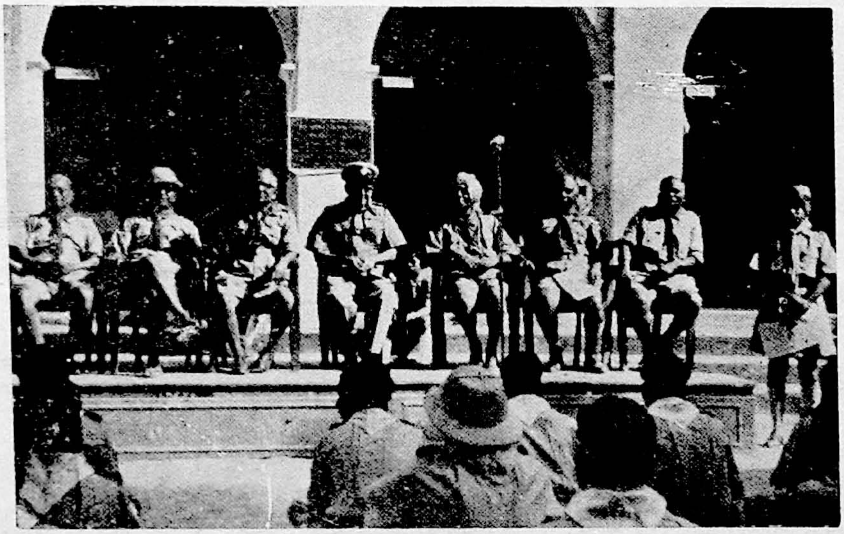
The Camp Director Sri K. S. Seshadry, thanks everyone in the Camp for the success.



Inauguration of the Camp by Sri L. R. Adige (Scout) District Superintendent of Police, Tanjore.

Messrs T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, M. Rajagopalan, K. S. Seshadry, V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, J. I. Muthiah, and V. Pichumani are seen in the picture.

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OURSELVES

Mahamakham Service : The high light of our activities is the most successful service done by 1000 Scouts and Guides at the recent Mahamakham at Kumbakonam, which won the appreciation and praise of the many thousands of pilgrims and the officials.

Responsible Leadership : In this collective effort Sri K. S. Seshadry, the Camp Director is the one person if we must single out one who held himself responsible for the organisation and conduct of the service Camp.

The State Headquarters had rightly put him in charge of the service as he has the experience, the ability and the influence to carry out the service satisfactorily. The organisation of a Camp for 1000 Scouts for nearly a week is not a small matter and the camp Director with his loyal band of helpers, in addition to his duties as the Chief Engineer of the Kumbakonam Electric Supply Corporation, supplied the required responsible leadership.

The Police authorities have asked us for more Scouts and more Guides next time. We also feel that if another 1000 Scouts and Guides could be mobilised, we can adequately man the service. A main Camp for Tank Service and two sub-camps for other Services may meet the demand. Finance was our difficulty. We shall overcome this next time.

We thank every one, Scouts and Guides and Officers of all ranks for their splendid work. Scouting in this part of the country is not only quite alive and (kicking) but moving forward.

Rural Service Camps: Next programme in importance is the Rural Service Camps that we are undertaking in every District. The District Commissioners both Scouts and Guides have been requested to contact the District Collectors and the National Extension Service or Proiect Officers and fix up Proiects and dates in May, recruit Scouts and Guides and apply to the State Headquarters immediately. It is the desire of the Chief Commissioner and State Commissioners that every District Commissioner should make efforts to see such Camps are run in their Districts. Circulars have already been issued and replies are being received. Such of those who have not yet taken it up are requested to immediately move in the matter. Local Associations with the Assistant District Commissioners are also requested to take up Camps of this nature in their respective areas. We hope that 30 Camps will be run this year and nearly 10,000 Scouts and Guides will be put on this work. It is service to the country and real adventure to our boys and girls.

His Excellency the Governor, Shri Sri Prakasa, in his message to our Camps last year, says, "The noble endeavours of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in this direction deserve our admiration and gratitude"

Let us do one better this year.

—EDITOR.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE CAMP, KUMBAKONAM

21–2–1956 to 27–2–1956

MAHAMAKHAM is the biggest and the largest attended bathing festival in South India. It is celebrated once in twelve years. Legend tells us that in the days of universal deluge, a sacred pot containing Amirtha, the 'Seed of Creation' got stuck in Kumbakonam or Thirukudanthai. The holy rivers of India namely Ganges, Yamuna, Godavari, Sarayu, Narmatha, Sindhu, Cauveri, Saraswathi and Vegavathi. on representation to Parameswara were directed to take a bath in the Mahamakham tank on the Mahamakham day when Jupiter and Moon visit the Leo. Therefore the faith exists that the people who bathe in the Mahamakham Tank on that day will get all the benefit they may by bathing in the several sacred rivers.

The Mahamakham day came off on the 25th of February this year. The festival attracts a vast concourse of pilgrims from all over India, Burma and Ceylon and other places. They bathe in this Tank as well as in the river Cauvery. In addition to the religious importance of the festival, other attractions such as fairs and exhibitions are added. The rush of pilgrims is very great, hence the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State organised a Service Camp for 1000 Scouts and Guides.

Encouraged by the success achieved in the previous Mahamakham, the Assistant State Commissioner Sri K. S Seshadry called for a Conference of all Scout and Guide officials from all over the State on 26th June 1955 under the presidency of the State Secretary Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy The subject was thoroughly discussed by all the Commissioners and Secretaries present and the Circle Inspector of police who represented the Police Department and who was in charge of festival arrangements. Mr. K. S. Seshadry was appointed Director of the Service Camp. The preliminary planning for finance to get Rs. 10,000/- by way of securing donations, arranging benefit performances, the publication of a guide book besides grant from Local Bodies and State

Government through the State Headquarters was decided upon. It was decided to enrol one thousand Scouts and Guides and quotas were fixed for the Districts on the basis of informations received, completing enrolment by the 31st of January 1956 A survey was made by the Director of both temples and routes to different places and blue prints of the same were immediately prepared and sent to the Collector, the Hindu Religious Endowment Board, the Police Department, the temple authorities and to the State Headquarters. A Guide Book was also published. The Director also secured co operation of the Police, Government and Revenue Officials and the several Service Organisations.

The Town High School which was centrally situated was fixed up as the suitable Campsite for accommodation and other facilities were provided. A Camp Office with the telephone No. 184 was established from 1st of Feb. '56, with the minimum Camp Secretariat, and Sanitary arrangements, loudspeaker system, water supply, bathrooms, Dining Hall etc., etc. were all taken up.

The Service proper was divided into various departments, such as Temples, Bathing ghats, Exhibitions, Road traffic, Bus stops, Feeding centres and pilgrim sheds and the Railway Stations. 8 important temples, 7 bathing ghats, 3 exhibitions, 5 bus stops, 5 feeding centres, 4 important centres for road traffic in addition to the Kumbakonam Railway station were chosen for service. A First Aid post and the office for the lost properties and children were established at each centre. 79 Rovers from Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides took part under the able leadership of Sri George B Ambrose, their State Organising Commissioner.

On 21-2-56, the Camp began and all the roads led to Kumbakonam. Campers arrived from all directions got themselves registered, received their badges Guide Book, Camp instruction Booklet, etc, etc. The Camp was inaugurated by the District Superintendent of Police Sri L R. Adige and the Camp flag was unfurled by the State Secretary Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy and in doing so he asked the Scouts to be thankful and be worthy of the opportunity for service. Mr. Adige recalled his old days of Scouting and was very glad to see the Scout Leaders Sri M. Rajagopalan, Sri J I. Muthiah and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy there. In declaring open the Camp he wished every success and then he was taken round the Camp by the Director.

After lunch the Scouts were left to settle down. In the afternoon Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, our State Chief Commissioner addressed the Campers on the importance of the festival and exhorted them to do their best to serve the pilgrims, paid a tribute to the Camp Director and the band of helpers for organising the service.

The 2nd day the camp was up at 5 a.m. their chota over, the flag hoisted at 6-30 a m., and the service started in the various centres.

The 3rd day of the Camp, the service at the various centres went on quite efficiently. The Chief Operating Superintendent of the Southern Railway visited and saw the Scouts at work, congratulated them on their fine service. The State Secretary accompanied by the Camp Commandant and the additional Camp Commandants went round inspecting the various centres, giving suggestions to the Scouts and Guides at work.

The 4th day of the camp, the Camp Director rehearsed the service at the Mahamakham Tank and was satisfied that they could cope up with the work successfully.

The Mahamakham Day—25—2—56

The much looked for day, started even from 3 a.m with lakhs of people streaming into the Tank for a bath. 400 Scouts and Guides mobilised for the service took their positions as early as 3 a.m under the personal supervision of the Camp Director and work started in right earnest.

At 9 a.m. the crowd was threatening to become unmanageable and was fast developing into a stampede. At this psychological and critical time the Camp Director as an experienced Scouter he was, used his initiative and suggested to the D.S P. to immediately open the other routes and the suggestion readily was implemented by the D.S P. and this had a magical effect of clearing the rush into all directions as will be seen in the extract of the letter from the D.S P. published elsewhere. The Scouts and Guides who entered the Tank at 3 a.m. worked ceaselessly in the hot sun and were a great blessing in many ways to the pilgrims. Till 3 p.m. the Scouts and Guides were not withdrawn. We are informed that

the estimated strength of pilgrims is put down at 15 lakhs. Service at the feeding centres like the Jubilee Park where about 50,000 pilgrims were provided with food packets by the Annadhana Sivan Memorial Committee and Sri Sankaracharіar Mutt where about 10,000 were fed, another place for strenuous service by our Scouts, besides temples also demanded service of a strenuous nature beyond 11 p.m that day. Our Scouts and Guides rose to the occasion splendidly and to them service proved an adventure.

The last day 26-2-56, the service was carried on as usual. In the afternoon the closing function was held when the various contingent leaders namely, Sri J. K. R. Subramaniam, A.D.C., South Arcot Dt. Dr. K. G. Rambadran, D. C. Madurai, Sri K. Visveswaran, A. D. C. Ramnad, Sri K. Varadarajan, A.D.C. Salem, Sri Appuswamy Nadar, Coimbatore, Sri G. B Ambrose, State Organising Commissioner, Southern Railway, Sri S. Balasubramaniam, A.D.C. Nagapattinam, Sri G. Deva Irakkam, A.D.C., Tanjore West, Sri Siddayya Chetty, Nilgiris Sri M. D. Janardhan, District Commissioner, Madras East, Mrs. R. Neelalochani, ADC., (Guides) Tiruchirapalli, Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Org. Commissioner and Camp Commandant, Sri K S. Seshadry, Asst. State Commissioner and Camp Director, Sri V. Pichumani, Secretary, Kumbakonam, Dr. R. Mahalinga Iyer, Member, State Scout Council and Camp Doctor spoke in appreciative terms about the camp arrangements and the opportunity given to them.

The State Secretary Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy who presided over the function spoke to the Scouts and Guides congratulating them on their splendid service and the glory and honour they have brought to the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

After tea a route March was taken of the 1000 Scouts and Guides through the main streets of the Town, the Junior Certified School Scouts of Tanjore playing the Band. A grand sight for Gods and men to see, and no wonder whispers were heard from the on lookers invoking the blessing of Almighty on these cheerful youngsters. In the night the campers sat down to a delicious dinner well deserved and well served, followed by a grand campfire

On the morning of the 27th, the Camp broke up, each taking leave of the other hurriedly, Group getting snapped bid farewell to their comrades at service. Our camp equipment shop did a roaring sale, even badges and emblems from the State Headquarters, were on sale

The Camp Bulletin was attractive and useful and everyone received a copy very early mornings and so well edited, all praises to the budding journalists.

The co-operation and help extended by the State Headquarters was invaluable. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, the State Chief Commissioner by his inspiring visit to the Camp, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy State Secretary by his stay and assistance right through, the additional Camp Commandants Messrs T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner, J. I. Muthiah, State Org. Commissioner, M. Rajagopalan, State Org. Commissioner and Camp Commandant, M. Ram Mohan, Asst. State Org. Commissioner and P. A. to the Camp Commandant were all a source of help and guidance in our service. They were always moving about encouraging the Scouts and officers in their heavy task and giving advice and suggestions which helped to tone up the service in every way.

Our thanks are due to the Madras Government, the Police authorities, Public Health Department, Kumbakonam Municipality, Madras Fire Service, St, John Ambulance Brigade, the Annadhana Sivan Samajam, the Temple authorities, the Business men and private gentlemen who helped us by installing various amenities in the Camp. A list of organisations and the individuals who helped is published elsewhere. Above all our thanks are due to the Scouters, Scouts and Guides for their splendid service and to their parents and public who gave their hearty co-operation. So concluded a very strenuous but very useful service and we are happy to feel that this service won the appreciation of one and all. The discipline and the sincerity of purpose exhibited by the campers is noteworthy.

JAI HIND

—A. Chronicler..

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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THREE Sea Scouts, Susanta Shome, Suchitta Shome and Salil Sen, members of the Ruby Sea Scouts Group of West Bengal Bharat Scouts and Guides, attended the Pan-Pacific Jamboree held in Australia from 2: th December, 1955, to 6th Jan. '56. India would have gone un-represented at the Jamboree if these Sea Scouts had not gone. This trip was made possible because of the interest taken by H.E. the Governor of West Bengal, who is also the President of the West Bengal Bharat Scouts and Guides, who was pleased to grant them some financial assistance and the help rendered by Commander K. K. Mukherji, I.N., President Naval Officer, Fort William, Calcutta, Headquarters Commissioner for Sea Scouts, and the arrangements made by Captain V. V. Javadekar, the R.S.L. of the Group. These Scouts worked their way to and fro by working as cadets on board the steamer. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is happy to announce that these three Sea Scouts who participated in the Jamboree acquitted themselves very well as will be seen from the copy of a letter given below:

Copy of a letter dated 7th February, 1956 from Shri K. N. Cariappa, High Commissioner for India, Canberra, Australia, addressed to H.E. Shri H. C. Mookerjee, the Governor of West Bengal.

"I am sorry to have taken so long writing to you about those three excellent young "ambassadors", the young Sea Scouts, you sent out to the Pan Pacific Jamboree in Melbourne in December. I saw a good deal of them. I know you will be very pleased to hear that these three young lads did splendidly. They were about the most popular lads in the camp. I met Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth, and General Sir Edmund Herring who is the Chief Scout of Australia, and various other important people in the Scouts Organisation here. Each one had nothing but praise for these boys. I think the press was particularly impressed with their smart turn-out in their immaculate white uniform although the camp was just a sea of mud owing to continuous heavy rains. I thought the young lad in charge of the three was particularly bright. He was full of initiative and self-confidence. He was very ably assisted by the other two in his team. All three possessed charming manners and conducted themselves like true young gentlemen from our country.

I visited their camp twice. I hope they have returned home to Calcutta and have already seen you and have told you all their doings in the camp."

K. G. VAIDYANATHAN
National Secretary

A DRIVE FOR WORKERS

The District Officers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nilgiri District on 18-2-1956 visited Nerkachimund Servants of India Toda School and Prospect Estate School, Naduvattam with a view to start Scouting and Guiding in the schools and also send teachers to the Training Course which is organised at Gudalur in the middle of March 1956 ; later they proceeded to Gudalur where they addressed a Teachers meeting and about 30 teachees volunteered to undergo the Training After the Training course about 12 Schools in that area will start Scouting and Guiding.

This campaign was led by Mrs. R E Maclaine Clarke, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) and accompanied by Messrs N. R. Bojarajalu Naidu, District Commissioner (Scouts) and Sri V. P Ramaswami, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts and returned late in the evening.

Report of the Conference on Rangers Training and Qua Vadis

From 5th May to 26th May 1955 at "OUR CHALET"

Adelboden—Switzerland

THANKS to the Bharat Scouts and Guides for selecting me to be a delegate to attend the above Conference from Madras State. I had an opportunity to travel by plane which gave me a swift and safe journey. I reached 'Our Chalet' the International Training Centre A hearty welcome was given by Miss P. Woodhill the Guider-in-charge of the Home.

Delegates from twenty different countries attended the Conference, representing Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark. Germany, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, Great Britain, U S.A Suoni-Finland, Mexico, etc.

This Conference was undertaken to review the whole question of Ranger Training and to pool ideas for strengthening this branch of the Movement by increasing its appeal to the girls of Ranger age.

The delegates worked in Patrols following the usual Chalet tradition of using the names of Mountains for Patrol emblems. The Agenda was drawn up by the planning Committee which included six main subjects such as Aims, Methods, Ranger Programmes, International understanding Ranger gatherings. The Recruitment and Training of Ranger Leaders on which delegates were invited to speak. I spoke on Aims of the Rangers. After each talk there was Patrol discussion of leading questions relating to the subject. Later in the day the Patrols brought their findings to the Conference and there was general discussion, after which the Chairman for the day gave a general summing up. Delegates from different countries were responsible for the entertainment in the evenings, and interesting films were shown of Guiding in New Zealand, Canada and Burma.

In conclusion the Conference agreed that the four main difficulties were the following :—

1. Companies retain Guides when they reach the Ranger age.
2. The shortage of Ranger Guides.
3. The wide age range among Rangers.
4. The dislike for various reasons of wearing uniform.

From 16th to 24th May another Conference known as 'Qua Vadis' was held in the same premises.

This Conference was arranged for the purpose of reviewing the whole question of Training policy.

The delegates from twenty-four different countries attended the Conference. Representatives included many Chief or National Commissioners, Trainers, National Secretaries and Advisors and it was evident that there was a wide understanding of the Training needs of the Movement as a whole and our appreciation of the urgency of the problems, which the 'Qua Vadis' Conference had been called to discuss.

The delegates were divided into English, French and German speaking language groups for discussion purposes, and the groups reported back their findings to the full Conference. There were practical sessions on 'The Patrol System', 'Tools for Trainers'. 'The use of inauguration in Guiding' and there was also a singing period each day under the leadership of Miss Hartley. The evening activities included Talks by several delegates on Guiding in their countries and also excursions were arranged. The topics of the Conference were as follows :—

The intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical interests of the girl of today were discussed.

In conclusion, the Conference agreed that it is the responsibility of the World Association to act as a guardian of the fundamental principles of Guiding and to interpret and re-affirm them. All training shall be based on the fundamental principles and methods of Guiding as set forth by the Founder.

These are, the Promise and Laws, the Patrol System, the Four Points (Signposts) the Importance of outdoor living and Understanding among girls in their own and other countries. Special methods should be adopted to the country and times to meet the needs and interests of the girl of that country.

In conclusion the Chairman, Miss Falk said that it had been noticeable in this Conference, as in previous ones, on policy, how it was always found essential to go back to the fundamental principles of the Founder. From time to time doubts arose in one's mind and one's work seemed full of difficulties but these doubts and difficulties were no longer there when we went back to the principles of the Founder.

From Switzerland I flew to London and attended the Guiders' Week-end Trainings at Foxlease, which is also a Training Centre for Guides.

My grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Captain, our Chief Commissioner (India), to Mrs. Jadhav our State Commissioner Guides Madras State, to our State Chief Commissioner, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, and the National Secretary Sri K. G. Vaidyanathan and the State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy for all the kind help given to me.

L. VEDANAYAKAM
District Commissioner-Guides

'THINKING DAY'

The 22nd of February dawns with a great significance for every Guide and Scout of the World. It is the birthday of the founder of this International Movement and hence is a birthday for every individual connected with the Movement. The day has been appropriately named as the "Thinking Day" and on this day we are nearer to every other Guide belonging to different parts of the World. We are together in thoughts and the spirit embedded in us is enriched and enlivened on this 'Thinking Day'.

In Madras we decided to celebrate this day District wise and all the companies in each district celebrated the Thinking Day. The West District held their rally at St. Christopher's Training College in the morning. Miss G R. Samuel conducted the function. After the March Past led by Miss L. Vedanayakam the District Commissioner, they made the Ring of Friendship. The Chain of Friendship was beautifully displayed by the Guides of L.E L.M. School. Ewart School Guides played an enjoyable game from 'Egypt'. But the surprise game from 'Bombay' by the Ranger Company was the best. Miss G R. Samuel then gave a talk on 'Thinking Day' and we renewed our promise in a solemn way. The East District organised by Mrs. Santhanam the District Commissioner, had a similar Rally at Wenlock Park and Mrs. Krishna Rao presided over the function.

So far only a few Companies have sent in their contribution for the 'Thinking Day' Fund. We expect every District to make an effort to send their subscription to the Guide Section at the earliest.

N. WALAWAKAR,
Headquarters Commissioner-Guides
(Public Relations)

Mrs. C. Mohini, the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides in Madras

Madras is very fortunate indeed to receive important visitors at the Headquarters frequently Our Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides, Mrs. C. Mohini, who passed Madras on her way back to Bhopal from Bangalore halted at Madras for one day on the 11th Feb. '56.

Our Headquarters Commissioner-Guides Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam received her on the 11th morning and drove her to St. Christopher's Training College. Miss G. R. Samuel our Headquarters Commissioner for Training kindly offered to be the hostess for Mrs. Mohini during her short stay with us.

The Joint State Organising Commissioner-Guides met the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides at St Christophers Training College and took her to visit the St. Ebba's Guide Group. Mrs A. Santharam the District Commissioner-Guides of East Madras, Mrs. L. Jaya Ram the Assistant District Commissioner-Guides, Mrs. David the Headmistress and the Guiders of the group welcomed the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides. An interesting programme was gone through by the Guides and Bulbuls and at the end of the meeting the Joint National Organising Commissioner-guides joined the group in singing songs.

The same evening the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides met the Guiders of Madras city at a Tea Party at Wenlock Park. The State Chief Commissioner Mr. K Venkataswami Naidu presided over the meeting and the State Commissioner-Guides Mrs M. C. Jadhav welcomed the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides. Mrs. Mohini in her message to the Guiders of Madras spoke about the interesting International events that are to take place during this year and next year. She hoped that all the Guides will prepare themselves for the World Camp to be held in Phillipines in the year 1957. She also spoke about the need for co-operation of all the States in the arrangements for an International Commissioners Conference which is to be held in India during the end of this year. At the end of the meeting Mr. V. S Ratnasabhapathy the State Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Miss L Vednayakam the District Commissioner-Guides of West Madras entertained the Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides for dinner at her residence

After a short and happy stay in Madras Mrs. C. Mohini left Madras for Bhopal on the 12th morning Her visit to Madras though it was a short one was an inspiration to all the members who had a chance to meet her.

S. P. DURAIRAJ
Jt. State Org. Commissioner-Guides

RAJ BHAVAN

Bombay,
30th January, 1956

My dear Shri Naidu,

I would like to send you a note just to say that I much enjoyed the dinner party last Wednesday. It was a great pleaure to meet you and I much appreciate your kindness.

I was very glad to see something of Scouting in Madras and am really sorry that my visit had to be so short.

I wish the Madras Scouts and Guides every success for the future.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
PERCY SIEBOLD

Shri K. Venkataswami Naidu,
C/o, The Bharat Scouts & Guides,
P. O. Box No. 424, Madras.

THE GILWELL LETTER

EARLY in my very happy and, I think, valuable tour of Scouting in America I began to compile a glossary of Scouting terms which mean something quite different in that country from the meaning which Scouting in Great Britain gives to the same phrases. I thought it would interest readers of THE SCOUTER and enable them to understand the literature of the Boy Scouts of America and to talk more intelligently to any Scouters from that country they may meet. This glossary, I can assure you, is by no means complete but it is accurate.

Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scouts Association
B. S. A.—Boy Scouts of America	B. S. A.—Boy Scouts Association
Senior P.L.	Troop Leader
Court of Honour	Badge Presentation
Green Bar Council	Court of Honour
Round Table	Scouters' Council
Explorer Post	Senior Scout Troop
Explorer Adviser	S.M (S)
Den Mother	Nothing comparable—more's the pity
Reservation	Camp Site
Camp Director	Camp Warden or Bailiff
Training School	Training Course
Silver Buffalo	Silver Wolf
Scout Oath	Scout Promise
Scarf slide	Woggle
Assistant P. L.	Second
Convocation	Scouts' Own
Eagle Scout	Queen's Scout
Institutional Representative	Sponsoring Authority

etc.

An American told me that it was very necessary to remember that America and Great Britain were two countries divided by the same language!

Perhaps an illustration from the list will show you how confusing the situation can be. I was asked if I would like to attend a Court of Honour meeting and I went along expecting a meeting of the Patrol Leaders with the Scouters as I would find in this country. I was ushered into a large hall, beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, with soft lights background music, candle-lit Scout Badges and microphones, and I wondered what all this was about and why all this paraphernalia for Patrol Leaders to discuss their affairs. But that was not the intention. Here was a Disrtict Presentation of Badges and Awards, and very impressive it all turned out to be In particular I linked the part of the presentation where the boy who received the Eagle Scout Badge presented his own mother with a replica; a nice thought and obviously very effective.

There is no room to tell you all about Scouting in America, but I would like you to know that it is strong, virile, and magnificently organised. The enthusiasm of their 3,000 professional leaders who serve with 1,000,000 volunteer leaders nearly 3,000,000 boys is something I was proud to be associated with. They have in the last few years become very conscious of their responsibilities through Scouting to the rest of the world; they have tremendous ambition and an abitity to raise money in support of Scouting which I find almost bewildering When I tell you that the annual budget for the City of Chicago is greater than the I H.Q. budget it will give you some sort of yardstick In 1955 they will be spending on the organisation of Scouting, quite apart from the Pack and Troop level, something in excess of £ 10,000,000, all of which they

seem to get from the public. I will not say without effort, but I will say without any real difficulty.

The Organisation of the Boy Scouts of America is totally different from anything we experience and yet the results at the working face, particularly in the Scout Troops, are not all that different; they have the same sort of problems and the same kind of opportunities. I think I sensed a little more ambition than some of us have and, enormous as the Movement is, they have every intention of increasing the size and strength quite dramatically in the next four years.

Finally, I would like you to know that they have adopted Wood Badge training and are pursuing it with tremendous enthusiasm. It is achieving, in their own words, " quite magnificent results and giving us that spiritual urge and security that we know we need." As I attend conferences and so on I hope I shall be able to tell a lot of you more about the Boy Scouts of America, but I would like to end now by saying what I said at the Gillwell Reunion. We are sometimes apt to look at them and think they are odd, but it is as well to remember that they can look at us and think exactly the same. I found it very easy to laugh with them, but I cannot see any reason at all for laughing at a Movement that is rendering sterling service to nearly three million boys.

JOHN THURMAN,
Camp Chief
' The Scouter '

DIRECTOR'S NOTE-BOOK

Commissioners' Mobility.

It is important for Commissioners not to do so much visiting of Groups that the Scouters are almost continually "on parade". At the other extreme, it is disturbing to meet Scouters who have never met their Commissioners 'Have you, Mr. Commissioner, a plan for visiting your Groups? How do you help your Scouters? what do you do that may hinder them?

Do It Well Or Not At All

Whenever Scouts put on a display or demonstration in front of the public, they should make it a thumb-rule to do it to the best of their ability, or not attempt it at all. To put on a badly run show courts criticism of the whole Movement, not only of those directly concerned. Therefore those responsible for such events must ensure a high standard and do their share in maintaining the good reputation of the Scout Movement.

Ov r Organisation

If we are to be weighted down with too many committees, too many meetings and too many records, we will cease to be a movement and we will become nothing but an Organisation composed of a series of committees. I hope all concerned will beware of this and from time to time examine and, if necessary, overhaul their organisation. Simplicity should be the key-note; the welfare of the boys, the intention.

D.C. Spry.
'World Scouting'

A TRUE SCOUT

I got down at Villupuram Railway Station at midnight and went straight to the Waiting Room. Two other passengers were leaving the Waiting Room, the Porter picked up a Ten Rupee Note and asked us, the three Passengers whether, it belonged to any one of us. I said no and another also did not claim it The third Passenger checked his Purse and said he had dropped it and took it back. Whatever it is, the Porter though he does not wear any Uniform, is indeed a True Scout.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

Annual Scout Camp

The annual Scout Camp of the Scout Section of this district was held at Courtallam this year from the 3rd to 5th of February, 1956. Nearly 450 Scouts, Scouters and Rovers participated in the camp. The Camp was located in the extensive grounds of the Travancore "Scorpion Hall" for lending the use of which we are extremely thankful to the authorities concerned Temporary hutments were put up to harmonise with a pucca camplife, and contingents were lodged therein. The overflowing attendance was lodged in the "Singampatti Palace" to the management of which also we are thankful.

The entire camp was got up at a great expense and labour by the ever enthusiastic and philanthropic Chairman of the Executive of our District Association, Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai of Ilangi who was the camp-director as well. Turn here, there, every-where-there would be seen our spirited District Commissioner Sri T. V. Arumugam Pillai, the camp-commandant with here an enthusing pat or there a tactful mild rebuff Needless it is to say that the inspirer behind all this was our S.O C. Sri M. Rajagopal, with his ever cheerful flow of good humour Of no mean order were the services of the Deputy Camp Commandants and Asst Camp Commandants and their team of workers who looked to the camp office, sanitation, mess-arrangements and sentry duties throughout the period of the Camp.

The camp commenced at 4-30 p.m. on 3-2-'56 after a minute's silent prayer when Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai of Ilangi welcomed the campers He assured all assistance and desired the campers to make the camp a success The District Commissioner, Sri T. V. Arumugam Pillai thanked him for his very warm and kind gesture, assuring full-hearted co-operation on behalf of the campers. He wanted of his groups "Action rather than words" After food at 8 p.m provided so beneficently by Sri T. K. Theetharappa Mudaliar of Mathalamparai the camp officers and contingent leaders met to finalise arrangements for the rest of the camp. At 10 p.m. the lights were out and the activities of a busy evening came to a close for the day.

On the next morning (4-2-'56) the Scout-Bees began to hum since 5-30 a.m. After Chota the contingents rallied on the extensive temple grounds adjoining the camp-site. After flag hoisting and salutation the contingents engaged themselves in out-door Scout-practices, in putting up many camp-gadgets and pioneering projects. This day was set apart for visitors and at 5 in the evening Sri J N. Sankara Narayanan, B.A., President, Panchayat Board, Tenkasi, who so graciously provided Noon-food this day for us, gave us a talk on the work ahead in regard to this great Nation-building cause. He was welcomed by Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai There was very encouraging public response, and the elite of the place including ladies. so benevolently graced the occasion. The Guides Commissioner, Miss G. Pakenham Walsh had also come despite indifferent health and heavy work. The contingents gave interesting camp-fire items. The eventful evening came to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Sri M. Somasundaram Pillai, the Secretary of the District Association

The last day of the camp, the 5th Feb. '56 was a Red Letter day in the annals of Scouting in this District. Thanks to the efforts of the President of our District Association. Sri Medai Dalavoi Kumaraswami Mudaliar, Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, our State Commissioner (Scouts) and Director of Public Instruction was pleased to visit the camp, review the Scout troops and address them on 5-2-'56 It was all bustle, cheerfulness and activity right from the start that morning, and congregational prayers were also held. The eagerly expected distinguished visitors Mrs. and Mr. Sundaravadivelu, State Scout Commissioner, arrived at 11-30 a.m They were accorded a warm reception by Sri M. Somasundaram Pillai, Secretary, B S & G. Tirunelveli District. After taking the salute he hoisted the Flag. He then reviewed the Scout Troops, visited the groups and addressed the Scouts A memorandum on "a plan for better Scouting" was presented to the States Commissioner then by Sri Medai Dalavai

Kumaraswami Mudaliar, Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai, Sri M. Somasundaram Pillai and Sri T. V. Arumugam He has promised to go into it and do the needful. After lunch he left us amidst cheerful send off. Both on the 4th & 5th February '56 the President of the District Association Sri Medai Dalavai Kumaraswami Mudaliar was present with us.

A bit morbid we were at the thought that a great day was drawing to a close especially after the rich wholesome food so hospitably provided by Sri I. A Chidambaram Pillai.

But would our State Organising Commissioner allow such a spell of gloom to spread over the camp. Opened the gala, Sing-Song etc again.

At 4-30 in the evening after a final talk by Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai and Sri M. Rajagopalan the S.O.C the Flag was brought down and the campers dispersed

In fine, we will be wanting in gratitude if we fail to offer our heart-felt thanks to Sri I. A. Chidambaram Pillai and his coterie of workers, but for whom the camp would not have been the success it was.

SOUTH MALABAR DISTRICT

From

The Collector & President,

Tanjore Dt. Cyclone Relief Committee.

To

Dr. R Padmanabhan, District Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, South Malabar Dt Association, Palghat.

" Cyclone—Tanjore District—1955-Relief measures...... .....

I express my heart-felt thanks for your expression of sympathy by way of munificient gifts to the poor and afflicted by the cyclone havoc in the district. The gift articles sent have been distributed as desired by you. Thanking you.

Particulars of gift : Old clothes.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION, TANJORE

Scoutmasters' Preliminary Training Camp

A preliminary Training Camp for Scoutmasters was conducted at the Membalam Grounds, Vallam Road, Tanjore from 14th January '56 to 25th January 1956. There were 28 Campers of which the Government Basic Training School alone sent 22 pupil-teachers.

Sri K. S. Seshadry, Asst. State Commissioner, paid two visits and on the second occasion presided over the 'Visitors Day' celebrations arranged on 22nd January '56. Sri A Y. S. Parisutham, District Commissioner visited twice and on the second visit he came with more than 8 Municipal Councillors, among others were Sri A. Gopalan, Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madurai, Sri Adige, District Superintendent of Police, Tanjore and Sri Subramaniam, Additional District Magistrate, Tanjore, and Mrs. S. R. Chandran, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) was also present.

The Camp was organised by the Local Association, Tanjore with Mr. V. Akshayam, Camp Secretary and Sri Sethuraman as Quarter Master. Sri P. Srinivasan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (S) was the Camp Officer assisted by Messrs G. Devairakkam, Assistant District Commissioner H. Krishnamurthy, Assistant District Commissioner, A. Swayambu, A.D.C.C (C) and K. Balakrishnan, A D.C C. (S).

TIRUCHIRAPALLI DISTRICT

Under the auspices of the Tiruchirapalli District Bharat Scouts and Guides a Local Scout Association was formed in Karur Educational Division on Tuesday 17-1-56. A large gathering of the parents and prominent citizens of Karur and pupils of all the High Schools and Elementary Schools in Karur attended a Scout and Guide Rally. Sri G. Vedakkan, District Educational Officer, Tiruchi presided over the function Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Scout Commissioner Madras spoke to the audiance on " Discipline " emphasised that the Scout Movement stands for imparting Discipline & character Training. Sri A. D M. Prakasam, Assistant District Commissioner spoke on the need for a Local Scout Association and exhorted the Scouts, Guides, Scouters and Guiders and the public of Karur to take keen interest in the Scout Movement. Mrs. Lily Charles, Girl Guide Commissioner appealed to the Headmistress and teachers to spread the Guide Movement in all the Girls High Schools in the Division and start many companies.

There was a Scout display by the Scouts of the two Municipal High Schools which was enjoyed by one and all. The President, in his concluding speech congratulated the organisers of the function and pointed out the great need for Scouting in Free India. Sri Albert Gnanamuthu, Headmaster, Municipal High School, Karur and convener of the meeting read the byelaws of the new Local Scout Association. This was followed by the election of the President, the Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee members. With the vote of thanks proposed by Sri Albert Gnanamuthu the function came to a close.

Under the auspices of Tiruchi District Bharat Scouts and Guides, a Cubmasters' Training Camp was conducted at Sri Rajagopal Pillai Tope, Bikshandarkoil from 11-1-56 to 17-1-1956. Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Scout Commissioner, Madras, assisted by Sri A. D. M. Prakasam, Assistant District Commissioner conducted the course The camp was visited by many prominent citizens of Tiruchirapalli. Sri A. D. M. Prakasam, Hony. Secretary was in charge of the Camp arrangements

A. D. M. PRAKASAM
Hony. Secretary

MADURAI DISTRICT

Collection for Cyclone Relief work done by Scouts of Tirumangalam, Madurai Taluk.

Rice	3 bags
Paddy	1 bag
Other grains	1 bag
Clothes: Old & New	300

WEST TANJORE DISTRICT

1. Republic Day Celebration by Tanjore Scouts.
2. Presentation to Tanjore L.A. by Ms. Lever Bros
3. Scout Masters' Training Camp.

Republic Day

About 300 participants consisting of Cubs, Scouts, Bulbuls, Guides, Scouters and Guiders took part in the Ceremonial Parade at 8 a.m. at the Police Parade Grounds on 26-1-56, when Mr. N. Krishnaswami, B.A.B.L., District Collector, Tanjore and President of our District Association hoisted the National Flag and took the salute.

Later the Scouts & Guides contingent marched in columns of route along the court Road, Station Road and South Rampart to Tilak Maidan to participate in the Flag hoisting ceremony. The Junior Certified School Band played nice and attractive tunes on the march. Mr. A. Y. S. Parisutham, Chairman, Tanjore Municipal Council and District Commissioner (Scouts) hoisted the National Flag at 9 a.m.

Presentation to Tanjore L.A.

On 26-1-1956 at 3 p.m. about 150 Scouts and Scouters assembled at the Government Basic Training School for men, Tanjore, when Mr. Pillai of Mrs. Lever Bros. (India) Ltd., presented a "Kassells" electric Table Fan to the Local Association in recognition and appreciation of service rendered by the local Scouts in distributing sample cakes of Sunlight Soap last year.

Scout Masters' Training Camp

The Local Association, Tanjore conducted a Scout Masters' Training Camp at the Government Basic Training School Hostel grounds from 14-1-1956 to 25-1-1956 a.m. 28 Campers, mostly 2nd year students of the Basic Training School participated Sri P. Srinivasan, B.A., A.D.C.C. was the Camp Officer. The distinguished visitors to the camp were Sri Gopalan, B.A., L.T., Divisional Inspector, Sri Adige, B.A. Hons), District Superintendent, of Police, Tanjore and Sri R. Subramaniam, B.A., Additional District Magistrate, Tanjore.

On The Visitors' Day 29-1-'56 at 4-15 p.m. Sri K. S. Seshadri, B.A., B.E., Assistant State Commissioner presided Interesting items of Scout Craft and games were put up. The President emphasised the part played by Scouting in character building and citizenship and exhorted the campers to carry aloft the torch of Scouting to the various schools in which they work.

NORTH MALABAR

The City Rover Scouts, Kozhikode celebrated the Birthday of Baden Powell on the 22nd February with the Lotus Circle members Puthiyara. The Rover Scouts and Lotus Circle members did sanitation work in the Scavenger's Quarters from 5 to 6 p.m.

At 6-30 a meeting of Scouts, Lotus Circle members and students of the locality was held at Besant Nivas under the presidency of Sri K. Sekharan, Jt. Secretary of Bharat Scouts and Guides, North Malabar District. Many scavengers with their children also took part in the meeting. Milk supplied by the local guild of service was distributed to more than 150 poor children and scavengers by the Rovers. Sri K. Kunhunni Nair, of the local Ramakrishna Mission spoke on "Purity of Life" to the Scavengers. Sri C. T. Kuttikrishnan spoke on the life of Sir Robert Baden Powell and inaugurated a Bala Sangham for the Children of scavangers.

There was a Camp Fire presided over by Sri T. P. Nedungadi, B.A., Secretary of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, North Malabar District and led by Sri O. Madhavan Nair the Rover leader. Lotus Circle members led by Kumari Syamala and Prema of the Guruvayurappan College also took an active part in the Camp Fire entertainments.

With a vote of thanks by Sri C. Madhavan Nair the function came to an end.

SOUTH ARCOT

For the great Mahamakam Service at Kumbakonam this District sent 94 Scouts and Scouters out of which Valavanur Local Association sent 30; Kurinjipadi 21; Panruti 22; and Chidambaram 21. Assistant District Commissioners Messrs S. Ramaswamy Iyengar, B.A. B.L., and J. K. R. Subramaniam were present in the Camp at Kumbakonam throughout. Along with other contingents Sri J. K. R Subramaniam was the Contingent Leader for South Arcot.

J K. R SUBRAMANIAM,

A.D C., Valavanur

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT

District Central Camp

Sixty second class Scouts belonging to various groups, took their advanced training during a central camp at St Thomas' Mount from 10th to 13th Feb. 1956. First Class tests in Signalling, First Aid, Pioneering, Mapping etc, were conducted. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, who spent a forenoon in camp cheered up the boys and exhorted them to become efficient Scouts. The camp was in charge of Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner who was assisted by Sri D. S. Gururaj, Edward Samuel, and P. C. Manickaraj, Assistant District Commissioners.

Thinking Day

The birthday of Lady Baden Powell, was celebrated at a joint rally of Scouts and Guides at the St. Columba's Ground, on 22nd Feb. 56, under the presidency of Sri A. K Ramachandra Aiyar, District Judge, former President of the Hindustan Scout Association Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner spoke about the significance of the Day and said that it can be rightly called the 'Thinking Day'. Some Guide Campanies made penny collections for the Thinking Day Fund and this was remitted to the State Commissioner (Guides). Sri P. C. Manickaraj, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) and Smt. S. M. Doss, Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) were in charge of the rally.

R. MESSIAH DOSS,

District Commissioner

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, POONAMALLEE

Bharathiyar Boys Scout Group Camp Mahabalipuram

11th to 13th February, 1956

On the fine morning of 11th February '56 18 blind Scouts with two Scoutmasters, namely Sri K. C. Subramanian and Sri R. Ravanan and the watchman went on three days camp to Mahabalipuram.

2. The party reached their destination at 12-45 p.m. and settled in the Alavandar Choultry. Every morning at 7 a m. National Flag and Scout Flag were hoisted and prayer also was conducted. With minimum assistance from the sighted people, daily meals were prepared by the Scouts themselves. Daily they were informed of the current events from the news paper and in the evenings they played foot ball and tunnel ball Every night there was camp fire In that the blind Scouts had an opportunity for self expression. On the whole this camp helped them to develop several good qualities such as co-operation obedience, punctuality, tendency to help others, team spirit, sportsmanship, leadership etc.

3. At first the Scouts were taken to Thalasayana Perumal Temple in the sea-shore The reason why Mahabalipuram is otherwise called 'Seven Pagodas" was explained to the Scouts. The Scouts enjoyed playing on the sand as they did not have anything to Tumble over. On the shores of Mahabalipuram they had an opportunity for feeling a big shark. On the 12th morning the famous 'Five Rathas' and the caves with tablets of Mahishasuramarthini others were shown and explained. By feeling actually the workmanship of those works of sculpture, they were able to understand the glory of ancient civilization of the Pallavas. After lunch, they were directed to the butter ball. The blind were ammazed that such a huge ball stood on such a narrow base.

4. During the camp, marks were given for general and personal cleanliness and for discipline under various heads. Mr. Thalasayanam, a retired teacher of that village was kind enough to act as a Judge on this occasion. The Sivaji and the Karikalan patrols won the first and second prizes respectively.

5. Many distinguished people visited the Scout camp. Among them were the District Educational Officer, Chingleput District and Dr. V. C. Rajan, member of the Chingleput District Board.

6. On the way home the party went to Thirukalikunram. They climbed up the hill. The children enjoyed the climb. They were also taken to Sankuthirtham.

7. The party is thankful to all the gentlemen who were helpful to them. Particular mention may be made of Sri Thalasayanam, innkeeper of the Alavanthar Choultry and distinguished visitors.

Bharat Scouts & Guides, Ramanathapuram Dist.

Scouters Conference 15—1—1956

An inaugural meeting of the Scouters of this district was held under the presidency of our State Organising Commissioner. Sri M Rajagopalan on 15-1-56 to devise ways and means of improving the efficiency o the Scouts and Scouters of this district and to strengthen the district Association and its funds to meet the incidental expenses, in the premises of Sri Meenakshi Sundereswaral Vidyasala High School, Karaikudi. Scouters from all parts of the district mustered strong.

At the outset, a condolence resolution was carried all standing, on the sad demise of our National Organising Commissioner, Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, and Mr M. S Perianan Chettia . a former President and Treasurer of our District Association. Sri Ar Arunachalam, Municipal Chairman and District Commissioner welcomed the gathering

The newly appointed Assistant District Commissioners Sri T R Rajagopalan, B A, Municipal Commissioner, Karaikudi for the Karaikudi Town; and Sri T M. Kanthimathi, B.A.L T, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Devokottah, for the Thiruvadanai Taluk were issued warrant of appointment by the State Organising Commissioner.

Certificates to the successful trainees in the Kalaiikoil Scoutmasters Training Camp, Sri A. R Elekkuvan of the Bharathi Troop, Karaikudi, and Sri K M. P. Muthia were issued by the State Organising Commissioner

Programme for the year 1956 57 was discussed at length and resolved as follows :—

1956	January	Preparation for Mahamagham Service at Kumbakonam, this year in February. Republic Day celebrations.
	February	Kumbakonam Mahamagham Service.
	March	1956-57 Group renewal of Scout Groups & Troops
	April	Annual Meeting of the District Association and the Local Associations in the District.
	May	Rural Service Camps. Re-Training of Scouts, Scouters and Rovers
	June	Schools re-open after summer vacation Renewal of Scout Groups etc.
	July	Attempts to gather the Scouters, Scouts and Rovers of the District
	August	15th August Independance Day Celebrations
	Sept.	Training Camps for Scouts, Scouters and Rovers
	October	Central Camps. Scout Week
	November	National Day Celebrations.
	December	Training Camps Scout All India Jamboree at New Delhi or Rajasthan.

Report of the Cyclone Relief Contingent of 32 Scouters from Tanjore to Arantangi Taluk

THERE was an emergency meeting at the Collector's Office at 4 P M. on 15-12-1955 to which Members of the Legislative Assembly, Revenue Officials and representatives of various Social Organisations were called. The Dt Collector and President of our District Scout Association, Sri N. Krishnaswami B.A., B.L., presided. Arantangi Taluk was allotted to Scouts for doing Cyclone Relief Work.

32 Scouters and Rovers under the leadership of Sri A.Y.S Parisutham, District Commissioner (Scouts) and Municipal Chairman, Tanjore accompanied by Sri C. Vedachalam, B.A., B.L., Retired Municipal Commissioner and founder of the Local Association, Tanjore rendered effective service in the Cyclone affected area of Arantangi Taluk.

The Cyclone Relief Contingent left Tanjore at 1 p m on 19-12-55 and reached Arantangi at 3 p.m. with full equipment for service such as First Aid Box, Hurrican lanterns, buckets, ropes etc.,

At 5 p.m all the Scouters assembled in the grounds of T E.L C. School Arantangi. The Campers were divided patrol-war and the list of Officers Camp rules and daily routine read out. The Patrol System was strictly observed. The party was lodged in the T E.L.C. School and in the Office of the Assistant Settlement Officer

List of Camp Officers

Commandant: Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham, D C. (Scouts).

Dy. Commandant: Sri G Devairakkam, A.D.C. (Scouts)

Assistant Commandants:

1. Sri H Krishnamurthy, A.D.C
2. ,, K Balakrishnan, D R S L.
3. ,, A. Swayambu, D S M.
4. ,, S. R Chandran, Ist Secretary.
5. ,, G. Thyagarajan, Jt. Sec L. A, Tanjore

Camp Secretary & Treasurer Sri V Akshayam, Sec., L. A., Tanjore

In the night at 8 p.m we met the Asst Settlement Officer & Zonal Officer, Sri A K. K. Nambiar, I.A S. and other Revenue and Panchayat Board Officials and discussed the plan of relief work that could be undertaken by Scouts

The Service Camp was formally inaugurated at 7 a.m. on 20-12-55 by Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham our D.C. The National Flag was unfurled by Sri C. Vedachalam, B.A., B.L.

Our Service lasted for 4 full days The nature of work done is as follows :—

1. Cycle messengering. 2 Surveying villages to assess cyclone damage, 3 Escorting & distributing gift articles like clothes, Milk powder from Arantangi to various distributing centres 4 Visiting and assisting gruel centres 5 Demonstrating making milk from milk powder and distributing the same to children below 12 years, pregnant women, suckling mothers and sick persons 6 Helping Tahsildars in Cash disbursement to the villagers 7. Cooperated in Debris clearing and closing of breaches with the concerned workers.

Every night a full consolidated report was given to the Zonal Officer He expressed that the findings given by the Scouters were very useful to him for carrying out relief work efficiently The work done and the work to be done was discussed every night. Nearly 200 villages in the vicinity of Arantangi were visited and service rendered.

The conveyance used

Bus, Jeep, Double Bullock cart, and foot. We had to go by foot several miles due to heavy breaches and flood

Food

While we were on service, food packets were taken with us to the place of duty. At Headquarters meals were served from the Central mess

Distinguished guests:

The distinguished guests who visited the Service Camp were Sri Ramaswami Padayachi, Minister for Local Boards and Sri Subramaniam, Addl. Dist Magistrate, Tanjore The guests were received at the Dak Bungalow

The final talk to the Campers was given by Sri A K. K Nambiar, I.A S, Asst. Settlement Officer and Zonal Officer He was very much impressed by the work done by our Contingent

The Relief Contingent returned to Tanjore at 8 p m on 23-12-55

Our thanks are due to the Dt. Collector, Addl. Dist Magistrate, Asst Settlement Officer Revenue Officials, Village Officials, Dist. Supdt. of Police, the Health Dept. various educational institutions who relieved us for relief duty and the Manager of T E.L.C. School, Arantangi who so kindly placed the School and playground for lodging and parade Special mention must be made about our philanthropic District Commissioner who was kind enough to give adequate financial help and make the camp successful.

S R CHANDRAN,
Secretary, Dt. Association, Tanjore West

WELL DONE ALL OF YOU

In the thick of the Service inside the Tank.

Hero of the Camp, Scout Balakrishnan, is being congratulated by the State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy for his courageous act of recovering Rs. 600/- from a pick-pocket and restoring it to the owner and handing over the culprit to the Police.

THE LEADERS BEHIND THE MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE CAMP—21-2-'56 to 27-2-'56

CAMP ORGANISATION

THE overall administration of the Camp was in charge of Sri S. Narayanaswamy, B.A., L.T., Assistant District Commissioner, Kumbakonam. The Camp Secretariate was working under Sri V. Pichumani, B.A., B.T., the General Secretary of the camp, who supervised the following: Camp Records, Forms & Formalities, Sales of Guide Books, Distribution of Camp Badges, Camp Stores and Camp announcements The Camp Finance and accounts were solely in charge of Sri N. Vijayagopal, Secretary of the Camp. The following were the helpers at the Secretariate: Ex-Troop Leaders of the Swaminatha Scout Troop, Town High School Messrs. N A. Chandrasekharan, V. Narasimhan and R. Jagannathan and the Rovers Messrs. V. Chakrapani, S. Uppili, L Krishnaswamy and K. S. Raghavan. Messrs. K. Ramaswami of Tiruvidaimarudur (Stores) & Parthasarathi Iyengar of T. Palur (Post Office).

Camp Mess: This was in the charge of Sri S. Krishnamachari A.D.C., Tanjore East. Sri S. Yegnaswamy Iyer was in charge of the Kitchen Stores He was ably assisted by Sri R. Krishna Rao who attended to the Maligai stores, Sri T. N. Ramanathan who was in charge of vessels and Sri K. V. Ramamoorthy Rao who looked after the supply of vegetables.

Camp Amenities: The Chief of this was Sri K. S. Sundaresa Iyer, A.D C., Nannilam. Sri K. Varadarajan, A.D.C., Mannargudi supervised the Enquiry and Lost & found property offices, Camp fire, First Aid and Film shows. Sri G. Sundaram was in charge of Camp Sanitation and Water supply Sri C R. Balu was in charge of lighting and Loud Speaker Equipment.

Camp Security: Was in charge of Sri A. R Vasudevan, B.Sc., Gr. I.E.E He had a tough time posting Sentries, detailing patrols for Camp duties, keeping the Fire Squad ready, attending to the accommodation of the campers and guiding the Colour Party. He was assisted by Sri S. Seshadri of Kumbakonam, Sri R. Narayanaswamy of Mayuram, Sri M. Panchapakesan of Madras and Sri K. S. Sundara Raghavan of Kumbakonam.

Camp Publicity: Sri S. Ramaswamy Iyengar, B.A., B.L, A.D.C., Chidambaram was in charge of Camp Publicity which work he did with great amount of enthusiasm, going round the various centres, taking pictures, Collecting news for the Camp Bulletin and keeping the Press informed of the activities of the service camp. Sri S. Balasubramaniam B A., L T., A.D.C. Nagapattinam was in charge of Vigilance. His duty was to go about the service centres, to co-ordinate the services, enquire into their difficulties and seek ways and means for their redress and to see if they were at their posts. Sri S. Balasubramaniam and Sri S. Ramaswamy Iyengar, whose duties happily coincided, were an inseparable pair who worked in close and mutual co-operation.

Camp Bulletin: Sri A. V. Ramanathan, A.D.C., Mayuram assisted by Sri S. Muthuswamy of Mayuram and Sri S. Aravamudha Iyengar of Kumbakonam was responsible for the Camp Service Bulletin which won great appreciation.

Liaison: Sri S. R Srinivasachari, A.D.C., Kumbakonam was the Deputy Camp Commandant for Liaison work. His duty was to liaise and to co-ordinate the services of the Scouts at various centres and other service organisations such as the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Mylapore Social Service Academy etc. He was the man who could be entrusted with any emergency service which could not be normally tackled by any one else.

Camp Medical Service: There was a separate room, fully equipped for the Camp Hospital. Dr. R. Mahalinga Iyer, who was for a long time the Asst. District Commissioner for the Kumbakonam Local Association and who is now a member of the Madras State Council was kind enough to be our Camp Doctor. But he had not many cases to deal with.

Camp Reception : This was in charge of Sri R. Narasimha Iyengar, B.A., B.L., A D.C., Kumbakonam who received all the distinguished guests and all visitors of the camp, took them round the camp site and explained to them the various activities of the camp.

Bathing Ghats : There were on the whole 7 centres of Bathing ghats included in our service. Sri K. Varadarajan, A D.C. and District Secretary, Salem was in charge of all these bathing ghats. The scrupulous sincerity and thoroughness with which he discharged his duties, bringing into play his ripe experience was indeed worthy of emulation by all the youngsters in the camp. He was ably assisted in his work by Messrs. S A. Sastry, P. R. Gurumoorthy, M.A., and Devanathan of South Arcot and R. Kuppuswamy of Salem.

Temple Services : As many as 8 important temples were chosen for service. They were divided into two groups. Sri K S. Sampath, A.D C. and District Scout Organiser of Madurai was in charge of the services at Sri Kumbeswaran, Sarangapani, Ramaswamy and Chakrapani Temples. Sri V Akshayam, Secretary, L.S.A., Tanjore was in charge of the services at Sri Nageswaran, Abimukheswaran Kasi Viswanathar and Someswaran Temples. The Service at the temples was exacting. With the limited number of Scouts and Rovers provided for service at these temples, they acquitted themselves creditably. Messrs. N. Krishnamoorthy Iyer, Mayuram, Kathi Subbayya of Ramnad, R. Krishnaswamy and C. V. Ramanujam of Salem were in charge of each of the four temples under Sri K. S. Sampath.

Messrs. Alagu Alagappan of Ramnad, M. R. Narasimbachari, M. Srinivasan and T. Thiagarajan of Madurai ably assisted Sri V. Akshayam in the services at the temples under his charge.

Exhibition Services : Sri G. Devairakkam, A.D C , Tanjore assisted by Messrs. Appuswamy Nadar and G. A. Pitchai Pillai of Coimbatore looked after the services at the three exhibitions, namely The All India Mahamakham Exhibition, The Sarvodaya Exhibition and the Municipal Mahamakham Exhibition. Sri M. Pl. Sevugan Chettiar, District Secretary, Ramnad was in charge of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Exhibition stall put up at the All India Mahamakham Exhibition. The stall was equipped with interesting items of Scout and Guide craft and handicrafts given by the various contingent that had come up for service.

Bus Stops : Sri J. K. R. Subramaniam, A.D.C., Valavanoor assisted by Messrs. V. Nataraja Iyer of Kumbakonam, D. G. Masilamani of North Madras, P. Elumalai of East Madras, K. Siddaya Chetti of Nilgiris, S. Sowri Rajan of Panruti, rendered service together with Scouts and Rovers at the five important Bus stops at the out skirts of Kumbakonam.

Road Traffic : Sri M. D. Janardanam, District Commissioner, East Madras was in charge of Road Traffic. Four important traffic centres had been chosen. Scouts and Rovers who were on service in all these centres rendered a very good account of themselves. Messrs. V. G. Kaliaperumal, A.D.C., Papanasam, A. Swayambu, District Scout Master, S. R. Chandra, District Secretary and P. R. Subramaniam of Tanjore were in charge of these centres.

Feeding Centres : The services at the five feeding centres were normal at the beginning. But on the Mahamakham Day, it called for the greatest and most strenuous efforts on the part of the Scouts and Rovers. Sri Kathi Arunachalam, A.D.C., Ramnad supervised the services in these centres. Messrs. S. Ramakrishnan of Coimbatore, T. R. Kaliaperumal and G. Thyagarajan of Tanjore West, Alagappa Annamalai, A.D.C., Mayuram and S. Viswanatha Iyer of Kumbakonam were in charge of the various centres under Sri Kathi Arunachalam.

Personal Assistant to the Camp Director : Sri K S. Venkataraman, B.A., B.com., of the Indra Rovers, Kumbakonam, was the Personal Assistant to the Camp Director. In addition to that he took great pains to train up the Rovers of Thirubuvanam Basic Training School to a standard of efficiency proved useful for the Mahamakham Service. He played a prominent role in the preliminary arrangements and endeared himself to all by his gentle disposition and amiable manners.

SCOUT AND GUIDE RALLY

A Scout and Guide Rally was organised at Kullakombay on Friday the 24th February 1956 at 4 p m. at the time of visit of the Managing Directors of Messrs Mathesn Besanquet & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Berry (Chairman) and Mr and Mrs. F. S. M. Molyneux were present specially to see how the Estate Schools run Scout and Guide Groups. About 300 Scouts, Guides, Bulbuls, Cubs, Scouters and Guiders were present.

Mrs. Maclaine Clarke, the Commissioner in charge of the Guides took the visitors and explained to them how the Scout and Guide movement were started by her in Estate Schools. Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Sec·etary took the visitors to the Rally and explained the various activities of the Scout and Guide, such as Bridge building, Tent pitching, etc.

A display, such as First Aid demonstration, Kummi and Kolattum, imitation of Birds and Animals, were given by the Scouts and Guides.

Mr. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, the Manager of Craigmore Group and Vice-President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and prominent people of the locality and a large croud of men and women from neighbouring Estates witnessed the Rally.

They congratulated Mrs. R. E Maclaine Clarke, Guide Commissioner for starting the movement in Estate Schools and asked her not to be content with this but to include the other Estate Schools also.

Sri D. K. Dhas, the Correspondent of the Ceylon Land and Produce Schools at Craigmore Group proposed a vote of thanks.

Sweets were distributed to the Scouts, Guides, etc. that attended the Rally. The visitors were entertained to Tea by Mrs. Maclaine Clarke.

Mr. Berry Chairman, Matheson Basanquet & Co , Ltd., announced a donation of Rs 100/- to the Scout Association, Nilgiris.

After singing the National Anthem the Rally came to close.

KNIGHTON-ON TEME

TENBURY, WORCS: ENGLAND

Copy of an extract from a letter written by Canon
A. P Randle 7-2 56
To Miss Pakenham-Walsh.

A most interesting find has been made in a gravel pit in this Parish. The tooth of an elephant, which the British Natural History Museum London, says belonged to a Hairy Elephant which roamed these islands 500 000 years ago.

They have asked the owner to keep the pit as it is, and they will come and investigate, for they say there is hope of finding 5 others like it.

Apparently such elephants have six teeth, three on each side. That of course is the news of the Parish this week

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I am rather puzzled to know whether the elephant had only upper or lower teeth and if so how he managed to chew. If I get more information on the subject I will send it, being now interested in elephants more than ever before, though my first Tirunelveli friend was the Temple Elephant who came round to salute my brother soon after his arrival as Judge I remember giving him an orange.

G P. W.

Silver Elephant

THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE CAMP 21-2-1956 to 27-2-1956

District War Number of Scouts and Guides that attended the Service Camp

S. No.	Name of the District	Scout Section	Guides Section	Total
1	Arcot South	94	...	94
2	Chingleput	1	.	1
3	Coimbatore	43	10	53
4	Kumbakonam	160	10	170
5	Madras East	14	...	14
6	Madras South	9	–	9
7	Madras West	6	...	6
8	Mathurai	84	...	84
9	Malabar South	6	...	6
10	Nilgris	8	...	8
11	Ramnad	75	...	75
12	Salem	63	4	67
13	Southern Railway State)	79	...	79
14	Tanjore East	98	11	109
15	Tanjore West (Excluding Kumbakonam)	145	14	159
16	Trichy		1	1
17	State Headquarters	5	...	5
	Totals ...	890	50	940

Establishments

Cooks	...	20
Menials—including scavengers	...	10
Lighting, Loudspeaker & Pumpset persons	...	30
Grand Total	...	1000

EXTRACT FROM THE LETTER OF THE D.S.P. TO THE CAMP DIRECTOR

27—2—1956

Thank you and all the Scouts and Guides individually for the splendid work done. To you I owe a deep debt of gratitude for the remarkable way you came to my rescue at a crucial time to relieve the congestion.

One of the suggestions made by the Inspectors and Sub-Divisional Officers is that there should be far more Scouts and Guides. This is a tribute to your Organisation. There should be more Guides at each centre. A far stronger contingent of Scouts would be useful on the final day at the Mahamakam Tank.

The Inspector General of Police wrote as follows:

I wish to thank the Scouts and Girl Guides under the guidance of Sri K. S Seshadri who had done excellent work during the Mahamakam for the very valuable help rendered to the public and the Police.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.

Roc. No. 238 D 1/54. *Dated 19—9—1955*

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract

SCHOOLS—Secondary—Aided—Scoutmasters' Training Camp to be conducted by the North Arcot District Teachers' Guild, Vellore—Deputation of teachers—Orders passed

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No. 1466 Education. Dated 31st August 1955

Read the following:

From the Director of Public Instruction, Roc. No. 238-D 1/54 dated 6-3-1955.
From the Director of Public Instruction, Roc. No. 238-D 1/54 dated 4-8-1955.

ORDER

The Government approve the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction that the expenditure incurred by the managements of aided secondary schools on the deputation of teachers for attending the Scoutmasters' Training Course to be conducted, for a period of ten days, by the North Arcot District Teachers' Guild, may be treated as an admissible item of expenditure for purposes of grant from State funds and that the period of the training may be treated as duty. The managements may be allowed to depute teachers for the training course, only if teachers qualified to give instruction in Scouting are not available in adequate numbers in the schools The total number of teachers to be deputed from each school should not exceed two.

2. The Government also approve the proposal of the Director that the instructions in G. O. No 1050 L & M dated 27-3-31 indicating the several items of expenditure on scout and girl guides, may be made applicable in the case of aided secondary schools also from which teachers are deputed for the training course referred to in para 1 above. The Director of Public Instruction may issue detailed instructions in the matter if necessary.

(By Order of the Governor)

C. RAMACHANDRAN,
Addl. Deputy Secretary to Government

Communicated

2. The items of expenditure referred to in para 2 of the G O. referred to above are mentioned below:

(1) The registration of Scout and Guide troops.

(2) The T A. at the rates admissible under the rules of teachers attending Scout and Guide training camps of teachers deputed to undergo training in connection with the movement or deputed for refresher courses of scout troops deputed to take part in rallies etc. and the purchase of general camp equipment such as cooking utensils.

(3) the purchase of literature on the Scout and guide equipment.

(4) the purchase of such prescribed scout and guide equipment as is not personal to individual scouts and guides and which may be passed on from scout to scout or from guide to guide e. g. staves, scout whistles, scarves etc. and

(5) the purchase of such prescribed scout and guide equipment as is intended for the use of the troop or patrol as a whole e.g, Mariners compasses.

In the case of (2) to (5) the articles purchased will remain the property of the troop and should be so marked.

3. The management of schools proposing to incur the expenditure should consult the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress of Schools concerned.

(Sd.) S. Md. USMAN,
For Director of Public Instruction

(True copy)

THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE CAMP 21—2—56 to 27—2—56

Helpers and help Received.

Our thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind help for the successful conduct of the camp.

Benefit Performances:

2-10-55	Mayavaram	Music by Srimathi K. B. Sundarambal & Party.
30-10-55	Negapatam	Dance by Srimathi Kamala Lakshman & Party.
6-11-55	Kumbakonam	Drama 'Dhalapathi' by Sri N. S. Krishnan & Par y.
22-12-55	Mannargudi	Drama 'Andaman Kaidi' by Sri A. Ramaswamy Iyengar (Doctor) & Party.
12- 2-56	Tanjore	Dance by Kumari Vanamala, Kumari Malathi & Party.

Mess

Milk Powder: Barrels of milk powder were received from the following:
The State Head Quarters, The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Madras.
Tanjore Rotarion Club.
The Colleector of Tanjore.

Tea: The Central Tea Board, Calcutta, was kind enough to supply tea, free of cost, for all the 1000 campers both in the morning and in the evening for all the six days.

Rolling Stone: M/s. A. R. V. & Sons of Mayavaram kindly placed at our disposal their electric Rolling stone for the duration of the camp, free of rent.

Myers: The water Supply Specialists, Madras, placed their automatic Myers Pump-set at our disposal for bathing facilities, free of charge.

Tents: Sri A. Appavu Thevar of Ukkadai and the Collector of Tanjore, kindly placed at our disposal their tents.

Grant: The Govt. of Madras for a grant of Rs. 1500/-

TRAINING COURSE FOR SCOUT & GUIDE OFFICERS

2-3-1956 to 8-3-1956	Cubmasters Training Course at Camp Tonekala, Avadi—Sri M. Ram Mohan, A.D.C.C., Officer in charge.
9-3-1956 to 11-3-1956	Week-end Training at Tiruchirapalli—Miss S. P. Durairaj, A.D.C.C., Officer in charge.
18-2-1956 to 18-3-1956	Scoutmasters Preliminary Training Course (Weekend) at Madras-i-Azam High School, Mount Road, Madras. Mr. Mohamed Noorudeen, A.D.C.C., Officer in charge.
16-3-1956 to 22-3-1956	Cubmasters Preliminary Training Course at Gudalur, Nilgiris Dt.—Sri V P. Ramaswamy, A.D.C C., Officer incharge.

COMING EVENTS

A Training Course for Commissioners and Secretaries will be held at Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from 2nd April 1956 to 7th April 1956. Apply to the State Head-quarters, Post Box 424, Madras-5 for further details.

EVENTS IN MARCH 1956

4-3-1956 Sri Krishna Scout Group Annual Meeting at Wenlock Park at 4 p m. Mr. R. E. Castell, Sheriff of Madras presides.

10-3-1956 Distribution of Certificates to Scouts who served in the Rural Camps. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presides Sri N. E. S. Raghavachari, M.A., I.C.S., Director of Community Projects and Sri G. Venkatachalapathy, Director of Rural Welfare take part at Sir M. Ct. Muthiah Chetty High School Grounds.

13-3-1956 State Commissioners meeting—9 a.m. at 'Appah Gardens' (residence of Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner).

17-3-1956 Bulbul Revel and Cubs Rally—Madras Division—at 2 p.m. at Wenlock Park. The Mayor of Madras, The State Chief Commissioner and Sri Govindachary take part.

19-3-1956 The unveiling of the portrait of Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, National Organising Commissioner by His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras at 5-30 p.m at the Pachaiyappa's High School. The portrait donated by Dr. E. Krishnaswamy received on behalf of the Association by Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner. Address by Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner (Guides) and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secy.

16-3-1956 Service by Scouts and Guides.—Mylapore festival.

18-3-1956 Inauguration of the Scout service by the Commissioner of Police Sri S. Parthasarathi Ayyengar at Mylapore—address by Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner, Officer in-charge.

19-3-1956 Adhikaranandhi.

21-3-1956 Rishabavahanam.

23-3-1956 Car Festival.

24-3-1956 Arnvathumoovar.

25-3-1956 Bikshandar.

27-3-1956 Guides Rally at 4 P.M. at Wenlock Park—farewell meeting to give Miss Samuel a hearty send off to Australia at 5-30 P.M. at Wenlock Park.

MR. C. A. JOSEPH PASSES AWAY.

We received the news of the sudden passing away of Mr. C A. Joseph, Assistant District Commissioner, Vellore on Wednesday the 14th March 1956. He was an ardent and a true Scout, and an example to the boys who came into touch with him either in the Scout Groups or in the Hostel or in the Class Rooms. In the passing away of Mr. Joseph we loose a selfless worker for the Scout Organisation.

Mr. Joseph attended the 1st World Scouters Indaba at Gilwell Park from 14th to 24th July 1952. He was one of the 14 delegates from India and the only representative from Madras State. He made a very fine impression at the Indaba and proved himself as a worthy representative of our State.

Inspite of his illness he was cheerful and active till the end. He visited our State Headquarters only a couple of weeks ago. Little did we realise then that he will be called to Higher Service so soon. We send our sincere condolences to Mrs. Joseph and his children and may he rest in peace is our prayer.

Conference of Scout Commissioners & Secretaries

TAKING advantage of the presence of a large number of Commissioners and Secretaries at the Mahamakam Service Camp at Kumbakonam, a Conference was held on the morning of Saturday the 24th Feb. '56 under the presidency of Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary. Certain important matters relating to work of the Movement in the various Districts in particular and the State in general were taken up for consideration It was the unanimous opinion of all that attended the Conference, that the Movement is going forward on a progressive basis, and the movement can take therefore a legitimate pride on the fact that the workers are doing their best, though there is room for improvement always.

Dr. Ramabadran, the District Commissioner, Madurai said that something very special and definite, should be done with regard to Scouts taking part during times of emergency and if possible the Scouts themselves should try and render First Aid to the injured, besides averting the trouble by protecting the property and giving the information to the Police etc, etc. A discussion followed in which all took part.

Mr. Varadarajan, District Secretary of Salem pointed out the relevant rules relating to industrial disputes and the policy of the movement both in relation to religion and politics. They are as follows:—

14. **Policy**: The Association is not connected with any political body. Members of the Association, in uniform, or acting as representatives of the Movement, must not take part in meetings, activities or demonstrations of a political or communal nature.

15. **Industrial Disputes**: The Association being a non-political body, its assistance must not be given to either side in an industrial dispute. If any recognised public authority announces that voluntary workers are required to avert grave public danger or inconvenience resulting from such a situation, there is no objection to a G.L.S., G.L.G with the consent of the D.C., offering the assistance of his Troop, Company, Crew or Team to such authority, so long as no compulsion is brought to bear on any individual Scout/Guide or Rover/Ranger to volunteer his/her services, and no penalty attaches to him/her for not volunteering.

16. **Religious Policy**: (i) It is expected that every Scout and Guide shall strive to put into daily practice reverently the precepts of the religion which he or she profeses respecting the faiths of others:

(ii) Where a Group is composed of members of one particular form of religion, the G.L.S. or G.L.G. may arrange such denominational religious observances and instruction as he or she, in consultation with the appropriate religious authority, may consider best.

(iii) Where a Group consists of Scouts or Guides of various religions, they should be encouraged to observe religious observances, and undergo instruction of their own denomination, and Group religious services should not be held;

(iv) In camp or in Group meetings, any form of daily prayer should be of the simplest character, attendance being voluntary;

(v) Where it is not permissible under the rules of the religion of any Scout/Guide to attend religious observances other than those of his or her own creed, the Scouters or Guiders of the Group must see that such rules are strictly observed, while the Scout or Guide is under their control."

He contended that Scouts should not take part in these various disputes as per rules.

Mr. Ramaswamy Ayyangar, Assistant District Commissioner of Chidambaram, South Arcot, Mr S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner of Salem, Mr. J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, Mr. M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner, Mr. T. R. Kothandaram, Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner, Madras and Mrs. Neelalochani, Asst. Dt. Commissioner (G), Tiruchy Dt among others took part and suggested that on the whole Scouts should refrain from taking any active part in these controversial matters.

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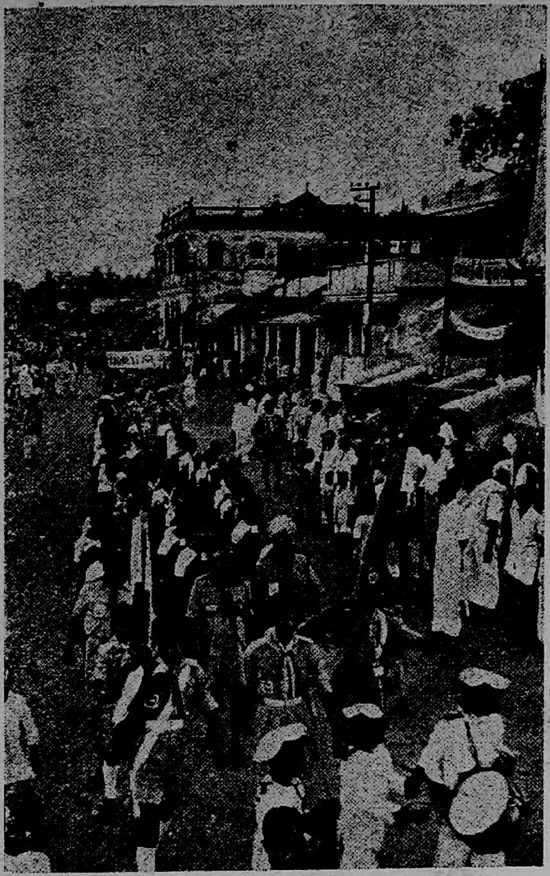

The route march by Scouts and Guides, round the Town, after service, led by the Scout Band of the Senior Certified School, Tanjore.

The Camp Commandant Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner has a word with the Campers.

Camp Secretariat

Scouts & Guides meet for instructions

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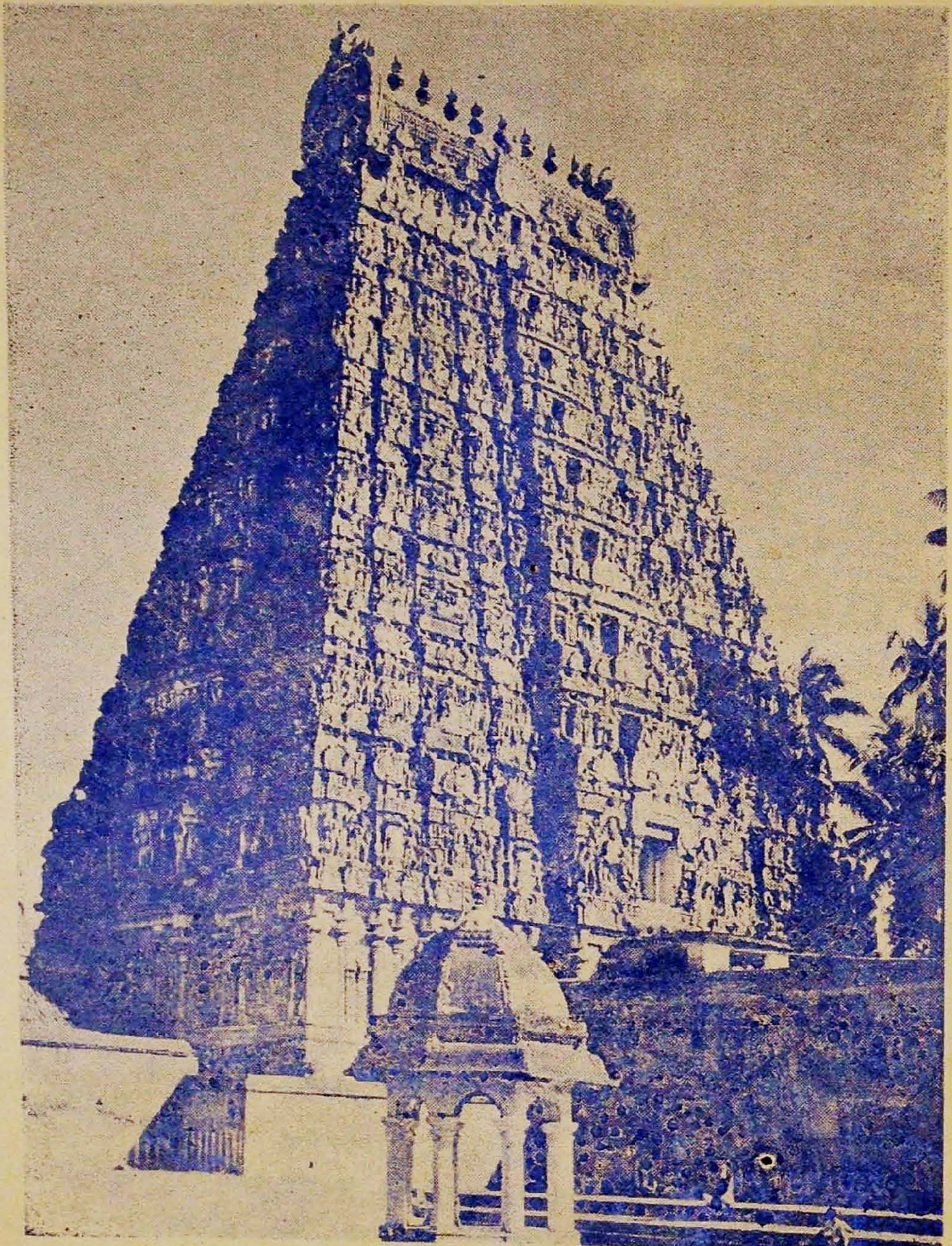

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